

## Trail ...

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use by hikers, bikers and equestrians.

"It could be built on a Saturday afternoon," Jenkel said. "It's a dream for a bicycle commuter."

Back in the '70s, people could access the bridge through the Frei Brothers orchard along Guerneville Road, Jenkel said. Now, the old Frei Ranch Road is private property, and the orchard is owned by the Gallo winery.

So Jenkel proposes opening up trails along an overgrown lane on the north side of Guerneville Road and clearing the underbrush beneath the bridge.

"There's a great need for recreationists to cross Guerneville Road in this area," Jenkel said. A clear trail to the proposed bridge would allow horse-drawn car-

riages, emergency vehicles and farm vehicles access as well.

Jenkel said the sheriff's department would be able to patrol the area beneath the bridge, which is used for illegal camping and is littered with trash and vandalism. "This could be a gorgeous piece of the world," said Jenkel, a building contractor who lives on Highway 116 in Graton.

In May, Jenkel sent a letter asking the Sebastopol City Council to endorse his plan. At their May 15 meeting, the council authorized Mayor Larry Robinson to send a letter to the Board of Supervisors recommending a review of the concept.

Jenkel has gathered more than 120 signatures, most of them at the Apple Blossom parade and Graton Days. And he said he is planning to have a "critical mass" of trail users visit the proposed bridge site

to see the potential.

"It will expose this wonderful asset to the people of Sonoma County," Jenkel said.

Jenkel said he wants to see if the council's letter has an effect at the county's Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee meeting in July. He plans on bringing the issue up with the Board of Supervisors and anyone who will listen.

"I want to keep the kettle boiling a little bit," he said.